

Gloucester, Monday, March 13/65

Dear Garrison

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This morning I find our  
reaching my home, a line saying  
that the Executive Committee of the A.  
S. Storey Society, is to meet in Boston  
next Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup>, & wishing me  
to be present, or important business  
come up, & ~~as~~ come here intending  
to be quiet & recruit this week.

If my presence is needed, too help on  
any important measure I would. Though  
I hardly feel able to do so - by reason of poor  
very in Health & Weakness - I have been  
obliged to be at considerable expense  
in penurious matters to fight off dis-  
ease the past 4 weeks. Am getting  
up & hope soon to regain usual  
health & strength. It will cost me  
some \$3,00 to come & return. Am  
willing to expend it if I can be of use;  
but would not wish to be at unhappy summer  
very expensive.

Dear write to me one word - long J. M.  
Friend Gloucester - ~~that~~ part it Tuesday so  
I can get it Wednesday. The 15<sup>th</sup> I still hope  
if I can be of use by coming.

I would have been so glad to have got to  
Boston - last Thursday evening I saw you on  
those steps to triumph storey beneath your feet;  
but could not get there owing to other in-  
govements. My sympathies are all with you  
in the course you are pursuing. I see not how  
you could do otherwise & be true to your life record  
in regard to Slavery & to War. Fidelity to



the principle of Sanctity to Liberty & Life  
leaves you no other course. What a won-  
derful work is being done! God reigns. Let  
us rejoice! wherever we may grovel!  
With the ratification of a free state  
slavery is forever dead in this nation.  
Would that all America of the A. A. S. Society  
in May might be as great jubilee! The  
winning up of the A. S. Conflict! What a  
30 years War! What a victory! And so on  
as you & I are concerned it has been gained  
by an Idea consistently, persistently  
& earnestly, mildly & lovingly advocated  
& propagated! Not one drop of blood is  
on thy shirt or mine. So I feel, whatever  
others may say. What lessons we have  
learned! One is - that the outside God-  
sent (the human soul) of the Church -  
~~that~~ Liberty. What there have called God -  
has ever been the deadliest foe of freedom  
of peace, & temperance, & the Almighty  
obstacle to the growth & education of  
the Human Soul. All evil - the source  
of all evil - has found many victims  
in the bosom of that artificial God.  
May all blessings rest on thee  
& thine.

Henry C Wright.

P.S. Write me one word if you can.  
I may be in Boston Thursday.  
I will be if needed.

Wm Lloyd Garrison